Northfield-Rice County Genealogical Society
409 Division Street, Northfield, Mn 55057

Winter 1985

Meeting Dates

January 17	Music, Music, Music Bring your favorite ETHNIC record to the Lower Level of the Scriver Building at 7:30pm. Perhaps a favorite instrument or story of how an ancestor shared his music.
February 21	All the facilities will be open to us at the Rice County Historical Museum and Library. Bring your Rice County ancestors.
March 21	Cut and Paste Party. We will work on the Obituary files and bring them up to date at Scriver Building in Northfield. Bring scissors, glue and paste. Come early!
April 18	Rice County Museum of History at 7:30pm Plans for the summer! Cemetery Workshop.
May 16	Lower Level of Scriver Building at 7:30pm Weather permitting we may move this to Saturday, May 18th and "do" a cemetery.

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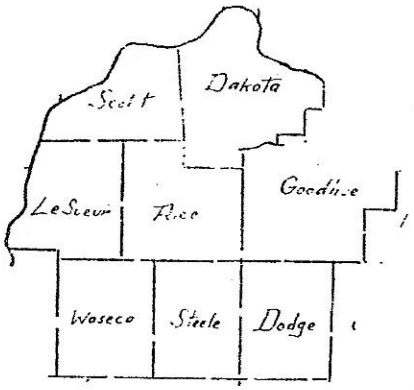
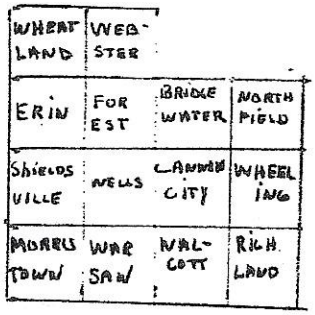
Meetings are held Third Thursday May thru September at 7:30pm alternating between Faribault and Northfield

RICE COUNTY AND HER BORDERS

Borders and boundaries are very important items to be aware of when doing genealogical research in an area. Sometimes the very records that you are seeking may be in the jurisdiction of a neighboring county. A ancestor may have lived in one county but because of distance to a county seat may have purchased his marriage license in another county. His land may be recorded in a next door county. The ancestor may have lived in one county but his family members may have lived in near-by township for census records. Because of these reasons, we are going to begin a series of maps and information on Rice County and her neighbors, along with the townships of those counties that border Rice County.

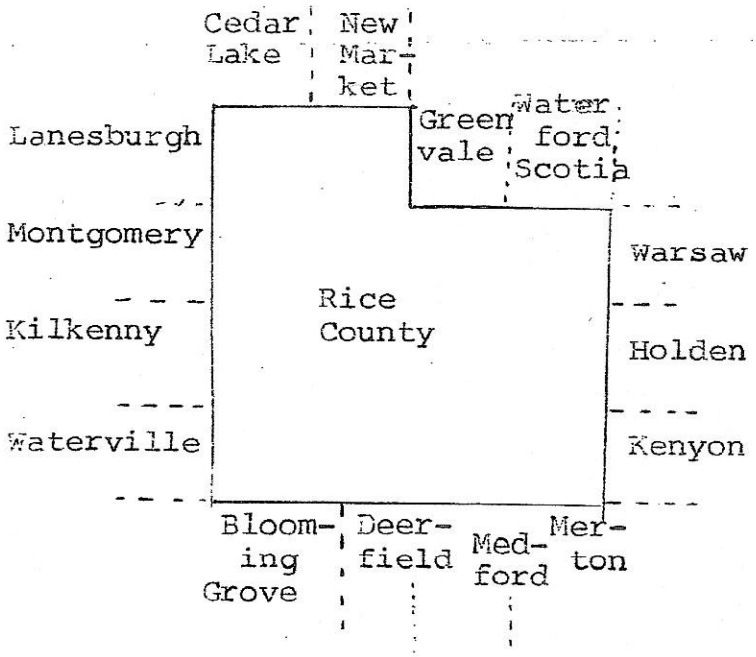


At a future newsletter, we will show a map that gives a diagram of the settlement of Rice County with regards to the ethnic development and settlement of Rice County.



The border counties of Rice County are:
Dakota, County seat is Hastings, Mn 55033
Goodhue, County seat is Red Wing, Mn 55066
Steele, County seat is Owatonna, Mn 55060
Waseca, County seat is Waseca, Mn 56093
LeSeuer, County seat is LeCenter, Mn 56057
Scott, County seat is Shakopee, Mn 55379

The border townships of Rice County are as follows:
Greenvale, Waterford, Scotia Townships of Dakota County.
Warsaw, Holden and Kenyon Townships of Goodhue County.
Deerfield, Medford, and Merton Townships of Steele County.
Blooming Grove Township of Waseca County.
Waterville, Kilkenny, Montgomery, and Lanesburgh Township of LeSeuer County.
Cedar Lake, and New Market Townships of Scott Co.



WORDS COMMONLY FOUND ON GRAVE MARKERS

	born	died	to	in	at	from	Mother	Father	son	daughter	other important words
Swedish	född	död	til	i	i, på, vid, hos, till, at	fran	Mor	Far	son	dotter	
Norwegian	født (føde)	døde	to	i	i, på, til, hos	fra	Mor	Far	son	dotter	
Danish	fodd (fode)	døde	to	i	i, på, til, hos	fra	Mor	Far	son	pige	
German	geboren, geb	gestorben, gest	nach, zu	im, in, bei	zu, zum, zur, bei, in	von, aus	Mutter	Vater	sohn	tochter	
Polish	urodzić	umvzeć	do, dokąd	w	na	od, skąd	Matka	Ojciec	syn	corka	
Spanish	nació	murió	a, hasta	en	a, en	de, desde	Madre, Mam	Padré Papá	hijo	hija	
French	né, neé	mort, morte	à, au, la	à, au, la	à, au, la	de	Mère	Père	fils	fille	
Italian	nato (m) nata (f)	morto (m) morta (f)	a, in	in, a	a, in	da	Madre Mamma	Padre Papa	figlio	figlia	
Greek	eqíreto	éthanĕ	prosepi		en	apó	Mētēr	Patēr	huiór	thugáter	
Czech	narozan	zemřel	do				Matka	Otec	xyn	deera	s Buh (with God)
Finnish	syntynut	kuoli	-lle	-nna	-nna	-sta	Äiti	Isä	poika	tyttär	*
Russian	рожден	умер	в, на	в	на, у	от	мать	отец	сынь	дочь	
Hebrew	נוֹלַד	נִפְטַר	ל	בתוך	אצל	מן	אֵם	אָב	בֵּן	בַּת	

*...kuun is the ending on months

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*Membership Due for 1985

Our members are very important to our society. We would like to encourage all our members to spread the word about NRCGS to all their friends and relatives. Be co-operative, share what you have on genealogy. Invite guests who express an interest in their family history to our meetings. Some of our members do not drive, so call around for ride-share. Our society will be as great as its members.

Your membership buys subscriptions to genealogical material, puts out this newsletter and allows you library access. Please use our library, take out materials, yes, even the older magazines contain valuable articles and resources. Genealogical material does not age.

DUES ARE $7.00PER INDIVIDUAL & FAMILIES ARE $9.00 per year.

TABLE FOR COMPUTING BIRTH DATE

submitted by Omega Hutchison of the
Morgan County, MO Historical Society

The following reproduced from THE PATHFINDER, Spring 1977, Vol. 6, No. 4
(the monument sometimes says John Doe lived __ years, __ months, and __ days)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find the DAY of death in the left column. Treating this day as 0, the day before as 1, the day before that as 2, etc., count up the column the number of days of life given. If you reach the top of the column before you have finished counting, continue at the bottom of the column. If the month preceding that of death has less than 31 days, be sure to skip the unneeded days in the column.* You now have the day of birth.

2. Find the MONTH of death in the lower month column at right. If you went past the 1st while counting days, go back one month. Just like with days, count this month as 0 and count up the column the number of months of life. This gives you the month of birth.

3. Take the YEAR of death. If you went past January while counting months, subtract 1 from the year of death. Now subtract the number of years of life from the year you have to get the year of birth.

* Leap Years: Any year evenly divisible by 4, except the century years, unless they are divisible by 400 (1600 is a leap year). Remember that when you count back the days, you skip only 31 and 30 instead of 31, 30 and 29, to correct the number of days in the month.

Remember the Rule: thirty days hath September, April, June and November.

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EXAMPLES

I. Subject died 31 May 1966, aged 94 years, 11 months, 7 days
   1. Starting with 31, treat this day as 0 and count back 7 days. This brings us to 24...
   2. We did not go past the 1st, so starting with May in the month column, count up 11 months. This takes us to June.
   3. We did go past January, so 1966 becomes 1965. Subtracting 94 from 1965 gives 1871. Therefore the birth date was 24 June 1871.

II. Subject died 1 March 1896, aged 35 years, 7 months, 2 days.
   1. Starting with 1, treat this day as 0 and count back 2. The month preceeding March is February and this was a Leap Year; so we skip the 30 and 31. The day before March 1 was February 29, treat the 29th as 1, etc. this lands us on 28.
   2. We did go past the 1st; so starting with February in the month column, count up 7 months. This takes us to July.
   3. We did go past January; so 1896 becomes 1895. Subtracting 35 from 1895 gives us 1860. Therefore the subject was born 28 July 1860.

NOTE: You would be wise to check your work by starting with the computed birth date and count forward.

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ATTENTION: NORWEGIAN RESEARCHERS

In the October, 1984 publication of the Sons of Norway, author Gerhard Naeseth offered the following address for the records of the American Lutheran Church. In the 1950's the then Evangelical Lutheran Church made a project of micro-filming most of their records prior to 1900. These microfilms are on file with the archivist of the American Lutheran Church, 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA 52001. These films may be used with the permission of the pastor or congregation for a fee of $5 for a period of two months.

Another address that prove helpful to researchers is that of Sons of Norway--North Star Library, 1455 W. Lake St. Mpls, MN. This library features Norwegian family tree roots.

The University of Minnesota Immigration & History Research Center at 826 Berry St., St. Paul, Mn has resources that cover genealogical reserach and general guidance.

Query from the Morristown Area

Susan McKenna of the Rice County Museum is looking for a burial site of JONATHAN HODGE, who died 15 February 1892 in Rice County. If you can help, contact Ms McKenna. 332-2121

It seems that we always have a little extra space in each newsletter that is so very hard to fill. Could we please have some queries from some of our readers? Thanks

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